



Request for City Council Committee Action

Office of the City Coordinator (Community Planning & Economic Development)

Date February 14, 2003

To Ways & Means/ Budget Committee

Submitted by Kim W. Havey, Minneapolis Empowerment Zone, 673-5415

Approved by Lee Sheehy, Community Planning and Economic Development

Subject Approval of \$100,000 in Empowerment Zone construction training funds to be administered through the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP).

Presenters in Committee Kim W. Havey, Director, Minneapolis Empowerment Zone

Recommendation

- (1) Authorize a total \$100,000 in federal Empowerment Zone funds for the Minneapolis Urban League, Summit Academy OIC, and Goodwill Easter Seals Construction Training and Skill Building Programs, to be administered by the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP);
- (2) Authorize city officers to execute an agreement with the Minneapolis Employment and Training Program, setting forth the terms and conditions of administering federal Empowerment Zone funds;
- (3) Decrease the appropriation for the City Coordinator Agency in the Federal Grants Fund (0300-840-8460) by \$100,000; and
- (4) Increase the appropriation for the Health and Family Support Agency in the Federal Grants Fund (0300-860-8600) by \$100,000.

Financial Impact

- ☐ No financial impact or Action is within current budget.
- ☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Previous Directives

On November 22, 2002 the City Council approved the issuance of the Minneapolis Empowerment Zone (EZ) / Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP) Construction Training and Skill Building Combined Request for Proposals (RFP). The EZ and METP both made a commitment of \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000 committed to the RFP. On January 9, 2003 the EZ Executive Committee approved \$100,000 in EZ funds to be transferred to the METP to provide funding to the Minneapolis Urban League for a "performance based contract" with METP to place participants in jobs. The Ways & Means Committee referred the recommendation back to the EZ Executive Committee to consider funding for other applicants to the RFP.

Background/Supporting Information

On February 13, 2003 the Executive Committee agreed to provide funding for each of the 3 organizations that responded to the Construction Training and Skill Building RFP. The funding will be administered by METP through performance based contracts and will be allocated as follows:

Year 1 - \$40,000 for the Minneapolis Urban League, \$40,000 for Summit Academy OIC, and \$40,000 for Goodwill Easter Seals.

Year 2 - \$80,00 for the most successful placement organization.